

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, after line 2 (directly following the title), please insert the following new paragraph:

-- This application is the United States national state of International application PCT/EP2003/008987, filed August 12, 2003 designating the United States and claiming the benefit of European Application 02018495.8, filed August 16, 2002. The entire content of these applications is incorporated herein by reference. --

On page 3, please delete line 4 ("Disclosure of the Invention") and substitute the following therefor:

-- Summary of the Invention --.

On page 8, please delete line 11 ("Figures") and substitute the following therefor:

-- Brief Description of the Drawings --.

On page 9, please insert between lines 2 and 3 the following:

-- Description of Preferred and Various Embodiments of the Invention --.